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UNDERTAKING BUSINESS SOLD

A deal was consummated Tuesday whereby the undertaking business conducted for a number of years by David Curtis was sold to C. E. Sparling and Earl Mannis. Mr. Sparling is one of Seward county's prominent farmers living about two miles from town, and Mr. Mannis is the gentleman who had charge of the business for Mr. Curtis while he was away several weeks recently. He is a graduate undertaker and was connected with the firm of Johnson & Johnson of Hutchinson for four years. Mr. Mannis formed a good opinion of Liberal during the few weeks he has been here and has decided to locate and become one of the town's business men. The Democrat is pleased to extend the hand of fellowship to the new firm, and express its regrets at Dave's retirement from that line. He has been in Liberal about six years, and during that entire time the night has never been too dark or the trip too long for him to answer any call that came to him, and many who have met with death and misfortune in the family during that time will bear testimony to his having at all times been lenient in the financial end of the deal, and competent in the professional part. He is as yet undecided what line of work he will engage in or where he will locate, but we would like mighty well to see him stay in Liberal.

FOUND NO OIL AT GATE

The oil well at Gate, Oklahoma, which has been watched with interest by numerous Liberal people, has proven to be no oil well at all. The following article regarding it was taken from the Forgan Eagle:

"The Gate oil well went the way all good prospect holes go in unproven territory. The drillers quit drilling right when the prospects seemed the best and pulled out all the casing. The hole was down about 2900 feet and in what was said to be oil sand, but we understand the drillers claim that the well caved in and filled up with salt water and in order to go deeper it would be necessary to buy casing which would cost about \$2,000. The question of oil in Beaver county is still unsettled and the people of Gate believe that oil was struck at about 1300 feet. However it seems more wells will be dug in the near future and an effort made to find oil without dispute."

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Mrs. M. M. Chittenden, 1121, E. 29th street, North, Portland, Oregon, is desirous of locating her son, Paul D. Chittenden, who was in Liberal in November, 1915. If this meets the eyes of Paul he is requested to write to his mother at once. Anyone knowing his present whereabouts will confer a favor on an anxious mother if they will write to her giving her son's address. Any information concerning the matter may be given to the undersigned.

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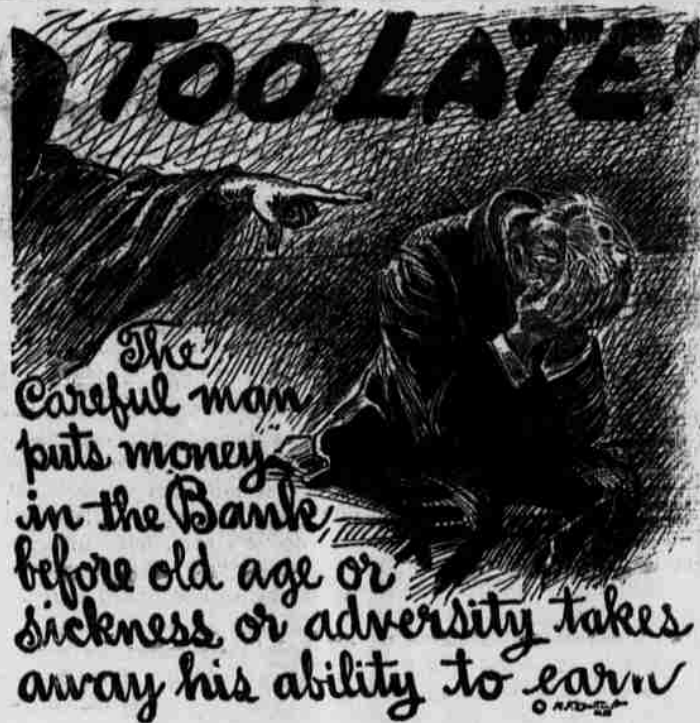
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THE NATIONAL-TWELVE HAS GRIEF

On Tuesday John W. Baughman, at the wheel of his new National 12, and Earl Cooper were out north of Hayne on some sort of a grafting tour; all cylinders were working fine, and it promised to be a pleasant trip. An uneducated Jack Rabbit, not being accustomed to 12-cylinder cars, by his actions challenged Mr. Baughman to a race over the prairies, and this set the sporting blood of Mr. B. a-boiling, and he opened her up. The Jack in the lead and the National gaining all the time, it was apparent to the four-legged creature that something must be done, so he sought shelter on the Rock Island tracks, knowing that he was safer on the R. I. tracks than on any public highway in the vicinity, and Mr. Baughman being in hot pursuit thought that by a quick spurt he would clear the track entirely, but a second or two later he had changed his mind, and decided that the Rock Island is building its tracks too high from the ground in some places, and



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this happened to be one of the some places. The oil in the car immediately went on an extended vacation, all 12 cylinders were apparently in a dazed condition, and the Jack with a sarcastic grin sauntered down the track looking for No. 1 or the Plug, or anything that would give him a real race. Upon securing the assistance of J. B. Fackler, with a fine team of mules co-operating, the National was headed Liberalward, and assisted on the last lap of the journey by the Cadillac S. L. W. Stevesson officiating.

Just at dusk that evening, when quiet reigned supreme in Liberal, two of the section hands who had been working in the vicinity of Hayne, tore madly into town looking for Mahoney, the Oil King. Mr. M. at once, and with much secrecy, sent Joe Bryson and O. M. Woods, list this week.

two of his partners-in-crime, to Hayne, as according to statements attributed to the section hands, there was oil flowing fluently down the right of way of the R. I., but on a thorough examination by Expert Woods, it was declared to be nothing more than perfectly good cylinder oil which was purchased to be used in the National 12.

TOOK IN A LARGE CLASS

The Eastern Star took in a class of ten members Monday night. After the initiation ceremonies the ladies served refreshments of coffee, cake and ice cream. A number of good talks "for the good of the order" were made by different members and the evening was an enjoyable one for everyone present.

Mrs. T. G. Hubbard is on the sick list this week.

DEMOCRATS HOLD CONVENTION

Pursuant to a call by Chairman Romer, a few of the Democrats of Seward county met at the opera house Saturday afternoon to hold the convention. Mr. Romer was elected permanent chairman and the writer, secretary of the convention. A message of greeting from Congressman Shouse was read and resolutions endorsing the national administration and the records of Senator Thompson and Congressman Shouse were adopted. Senator Thompson and Geo. A. Neeley were endorsed as delegates-at-large and John A. Kelley of Hugoton and D. F. Callahan of Kingman received the endorsement for district delegates to the national convention at St. Louis next June. A. A. Farmer, O. M. Woods and A. L. Hiebert were elected delegates to the state convention which meets in Hutchinson on April 11. These delegates have the authority to appoint their own alternates in case they cannot attend. The weather that day was stormy and consequently only a small crowd was out, but everything passed off perfectly harmonious at the meeting.

LIBERAL BOY IN THE K. N. G.

Herman Kimble of Liberal has the average Normal student "bested" when it comes to diversity of work. While he, as head cook, is making biscuits and baking at the students' co-operative boarding club, his step and carriage is that of a Kansas National Guard and he certainly hums some tune.

His success as a "general of the pots and pans" is shown by the fat healthy boys that leave the dinner table at the "coot" club. The tune that he hums could probably be traced back to the Christian Church choir, the Glee Club, or the chorus "Messiah" which will feature in the Emporia Music Festival, April 17 to 23, for this red haired freshman sings in all these organizations. Besides carrying enough work to burn the midnight oil, he wears the K. N. G. uniform and nightly dreams of a trip to the Mexican border.

HAND TO PLAY AT MAJESTIC

Beginning next Tuesday night the Liberal Band will give a recital at the Majestic theatre on Tuesday night of each week. This will be in addition to the regular run of five reels of pictures, and the price will only be 10 and 15 cents. On the last Tuesday night of each month the band will give a two hour's entertainment in addition to the regular five reels of high grade pictures. The admission on this night will be 15 and 25 cents. These entertainments are given for the purpose of raising funds for the band and should be well patronized by the people of the town. Liberal has a band that would be a credit to any large city, and by patronizing the Majestic on these nights you will be helping the boys besides seeing the usual run of first class pictures.

Mrs. M. W. Lee of Forgan was a shopper in the city Monday.

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